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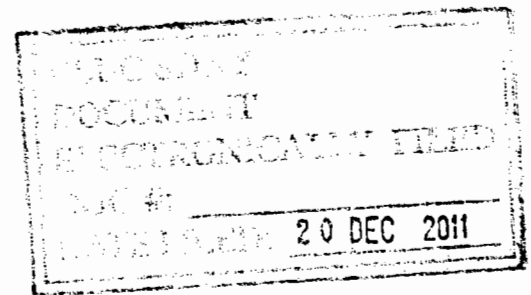
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**BY FACSIMILE [(212) 805-0426]**

The Honorable Laura Taylor Swain  
 United States District Judge  
 Southern District of New York  
 United States Courthouse  
 500 Pearl Street  
 New York, New York 10007



Re: United States v. Daniel Valdez,  
\$12.10 Cr. 905 (LTS)

Dear Judge Swain:

This letter is submitted in regard to Daniel Valdez, whom I represent by CJA appointment in the above-entitled case. Currently, Mr. Valdez's motions are due Monday, December 19, 2011. However, it is respectfully requested that the due date for Mr. Valdez's motions be extended until January 6, 2012, in order to permit defense counsel and the government to continue negotiations toward a possible disposition of the case. The extension would conserve judicial and other (CJA) resources that might not need to be expended should there be a negotiated resolution. I have spoken with Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Chung, and he has informed me that the government consents to this request.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the due date for Mr. Valdez's pretrial motions be extended until January 6, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua L. Dratel

*The request is granted.*

JLD/

cc: Amie Ely  
 Daniel P. Chung  
 Assistant United States Attorneys

**SO ORDERED.**

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LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

*Dec 19, 2011*